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Dear Coworkers:

THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE TODAY --
AN OUTLINE OF MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Of very special significance is the report on "The Cooperative Extension Service Today" which has recently been developed and accepted by the State extension directors and the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy. Frequently you will hear this referred to as the 1957 Scope Report of Extension Responsibilities. It would be our prediction and hope that this outline for the look ahead into the future of extension work may become a major subject of attention. It appears certain that it will receive considerable discussion in national circles. Some have said this is our charter for the next 5 or 10 years.

The purpose of this alert is to suggest the desirability of keeping in close touch with developments in your State. Secondly, we will welcome all suggestions, ideas, and contributions relative to any regional or national attention or emphasis which you feel it should receive. The Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work has tentative plans for making this report, and the implications for youth work involved in it, a major point of emphasis for the leaders' program during National 4-H Conference, June 14 to 20.

Included as a vital part of this report are nine areas of program emphasis for the future. One of these is Youth Development. We expect that there will be opportunity for discussion, enlargement and refinement of this section. We commend for your thoughtful study and energetic attention the entire report when it comes to you from your director.

ZONING CLEARED FOR 4-H CENTER

The last hurdle to the establishment of the National 4-H Club Center has been cleared. That's the report from Norman Mindrum of the National 4-H Club Foundation, who recently announced that the Foundation has received a special exception to the zoning ordinance of Montgomery County, Md., to operate a National 4-H Club Center in Chevy Chase. Use of the Center was limited by the Montgomery County Board of Appeals to individuals and groups attending planned and scheduled educational events.

Johns Hopkins University, which has been operating a secret defense project for the Army at the Center has vacated the property and moved to new quarters. The Foundation expects to begin the big job of renovation late this winter.

TIME-USE STUDY TO BE MADE BY STATE 4-H CLUB STAFFS IN CENTRAL STATES

Laurel Sabrosky is working with 11 Central States in developing plans and forms for a study of time-use by State 4-H Club staff members. This is a regional study, and all of the 11 States have been visited in order to develop a code list of jobs which can be used in all of the States, and which will be interpreted the same in each State.

Nearly 100 State club staff members have met with Mrs. Sabrosky on this study. You might be interested to know that they have come to a majority agreement on approximately 35 jobs or activities that they do, and on approximately 80 purposes for what they do.

Six or seven States will record time-use for enough weeks (30 weeks or more) so that they will have a fairly reliable picture of their own staff's time-use for a year; the other States will record a sample of time (1 week per person) to contribute to the regional totals only. Starting the week of February 2, one or more State club staff members will be recording time-use; from then on through a period of 52 weeks, several will be recording time for every week of that period.

If any of you in the other regions are interested in seeing these forms, let us know, and we will send you a set.

THREE WESTERN MEETINGS ON LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Western directors have authorized three district meetings on 4-H, to be held:

- March 3-5 - Moscow, Ida.
- March 12-15 - Berkeley, Calif.
- March 17-19 - Fort Collins, Colo.

Special focus will be on the results of the most recent phase of the Western 4-H study, which deals with leadership training through group meetings. Program implications, growing out of the study information, will spark the

discussions.

Director Carol Youngstrom of Idaho has been Chairman of the Western 4-H Study Committee since its beginning and Laurel Sabrosky has been consultant.

ELEVENTH REGIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

The Eleventh Regional 4-H Club Camp will be held this year on the campus of Howard University, August 10-18, 1958. Director George B. Nutt of South Carolina has been named chairman of the planning committee. This committee, working with representatives of Howard University, will be meeting soon to begin developing plans for the camp.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

The Southern Agricultural Workers Association will be meeting in Little Rock, Ark., February 2-5, 1958. This Association is composed of professional agricultural workers in research, teaching, extension, commercial concerns and industries. Last year was the first year in which a 4-H conference was held in connection with this Association. Another 4-H conference is planned for this year.

NATIONAL 4-H FELLOWSHIPS

Six National 4-H Fellowships will again be provided in 1958-59, four by Massey-Harris-Ferguson, Inc., and two by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. Grants have been increased to \$2,400 each. Announcement of application procedures have been sent to the States by Miss Mary Louise Collings of the Division of Extension Research and Training.

This 4-H fellowship opportunity is a wonderful way for outstanding young extension workers to increase their understandings and skills. We urge you to look over your corps of county and State workers who could qualify and make sure they know about the opportunity. Candidates shall not have passed their 30th birthday on June 1, 1958.

4-H A FEATURE AT HEALTH MEETING

The National Conference for Cooperation in Health Education held its annual meeting in Washington, D. C., January 27 and 28. Health Education of Youth Outside of School was presented by six youth-serving agencies on the first day of the conference. A staff member of our Division; Mina Suit, a 4-H'er; and Mrs. Ella Smart, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent, Prince Georges County, Md., participated in the conference. Each youth group had a specific health topic. 4-H discussed community and family health.

4-H KINDRED GROUP MEETING - AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, February 5, will find a group of Extension workers focusing attention on 4-H camping as a part of the ACA meeting in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. County and State extension staff members are invited, as well as Extension cooperators. The Kindred Group meetings will be held in St. Paul's Municipal Auditorium, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plans for the 4-H meeting, being developed by Duke Regnier and Arden Peterson, include a discussion on "What might extension workers study in evaluating their camping programs, and what studies have been completed." A panel of State workers will discuss program activities in camp. Another interesting topic will be relating 4-H efforts to other youth agency camp programs.

OSBORN ATTENDS MEETING, RURAL DEPT. OF NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Ies Osborn, YMW worker on the Colorado staff, represented Extension youth programs at the first annual meeting of the Rural Department of NEA, held at Denver. Some twelve million youngsters, 40 percent of the Nation's total, attend rural schools. Discussion areas for the conference included:

1. Contributions of farm organizations and non-school agencies to schools and to youth-serving agencies.
2. Education of rural children and youth.
3. Leadership of parent-teacher and citizens' advisory groups in making possible comprehensive programs.
4. Meeting needs of children of migrant agricultural workers.
5. The future of the small high school.

A complete summary of the findings will be available soon. It sounded very familiar when the group expressed the opinion that much should be done in parent education, both as to curriculum and needs for better schools. Also the group stressed the importance of keeping up with this rapidly changing age and necessity of giving rural boys and girls the know-how of making a living and being good citizens. It was pointed out that one of the greatest contributions that farm organizations could make is that of constantly keeping before the parents and the public the needs of rural children and explaining the great need for additional teachers qualified to do the job.

A MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY

Secretary Benson received a very heartwarming card from a 4-H boy or group attending the Ford Motor Company luncheon during National 4-H Congress. The Secretary was so moved by the sincerity of the message that he offered to write a personal reply if we can get a name and address. Do you recognize

the writer from this penciled message?

"Dear Ezra:

We 4-H members sure missed you December 3. We were all looking forward to seeing you. Sorry you couldn't make it.

Your Backers,

4-H'ers of the U. S."

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION AND IFYE

The National 4-H Foundation has just launched into orbit plans for the observance of the 10th anniversary of the Foundation and the International Farm Youth Exchange. Both began in 1948, IFYE with the departure of 17 delegates in June of that year, and the Foundation with its incorporation on November 18. Everett Bierman, Information Officer for the Foundation, reports that an information kit has been mailed to State 4-H Club Leaders, IFYE project leaders, and Extension editors. The kit includes: a letter from Norman Mindrum, a general news release, an outline of publicity possibilities, a fact sheet, and two statistical summaries of IFYE participation. In addition a tape-recorded interview with Mr. Mindrum has been sent to each Extension editor. 10th anniversary stickers have been ordered and a limited supply will be made available to each State. You'll be hearing more from the Foundation about the stickers and other aspects of the anniversary observance.

READING ENCOURAGED THROUGH 4-H

Can you help us supply information about specific examples of an organized program through 4-H for encouraging reading among youth? This is a request from a State but is information we should have available. This could be carried out through programs at 4-H events or through local activity. If there has been cooperation with the Library Association or others, it would be helpful to know that also. We will appreciate your help.

NATIONAL JUNIOR VEGETABLE GROWERS

Twenty-six States participated in the NJVGA program at Springfield, Ill., with approximately 275 in attendance. There was a good program of tours on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday was devoted to the demonstrations, and Thursday the judging and identification contests and demonstration finals. There were 39 demonstration teams--some very good ones. The winning team came from Louisiana with a West Virginia team placing a close second. The great majority of teams were 4-H. A new feature was a session on career opportunities in horticulture. It was well done with a panel moderated by Director Kammlade, followed by a conference session by those interested. Gov. William G. Stratton of Illinois was the speaker at the final banquet.

Chet Gibbs of FES accepted a position on the NJVGA board vacated by Dr. Haskell. The board met for two afternoons during the conference.

4-H ENTOMOLOGY EXHIBIT A HUGE SUCCESS

The display of exhibit material from ten States and the demonstration by the team from Oklahoma during the Entomological Society meetings at Memphis were such an outstanding success that plans were immediately initiated for a followup at the 1958 meeting in Salt Lake City. Plans are also under way for a special youth session.

OKLAHOMA 4-H'ER NAMED AMERICAN DAIRY PRINCESS

Miss Sandra Sue Stout, 18, a pretty 4-H miss from a dairy farm near Piedmont, Okla., has been named the 1958 American Dairy Princess. She received her title in a competition among 23 State Dairy Princess winners at an event sponsored by the American Dairy Association during the International Dairy Show in Chicago. For Sandra Sue the American Dairy Princess title means a busy year of traveling throughout the United States and perhaps outside this country. Sandra Sue is an active 4-H member and Key Award winner.

"WHAT? BIG-CITY 4-H CLUBS!"

An interesting success story about 4-H work in Denver is featured in the December issue of Better Farming Methods. Herb Gundrell, one of the agents in Denver, tells something of the scope of the 4-H program and also some of the organizational background and type of activities conducted in the urban program.

CAMPING MAGAZINE FEATURES NEW YORK 4-H

From time to time, Camping Magazine features a week's menus for well-balanced camp meals. The December issue has a page of menus planned cooperatively by the Nassau County, N.Y., 4-H Club agents and the Department of Institution Management, New York State College of Home Economics. They were used in a 4-H camp for girls.

SEVENTEEN'S "4-H IN ACTION" COLUMN

Beginning with the April issue of Seventeen Magazine, the "4-H in Action" column will be authored by Miss Henrietta Freed, a member of the magazine's editorial staff in New York City. Miss Freed will succeed Ada May Marshall Fearon--a former 4-H'er affectionately known to many of you and us--all who have greatly enjoyed her column. Seventeen commended Ada May for the excellent way in which she had helped its staff gain "a better understanding, a closer feeling to the 4-H program and its aims," and called it a "genuine tribute to you that we now look upon 4-H as so integral a part of Seventeen."

We certainly join in praising Ada May for her column which she always wrote enthusiastically and conscientiously to reflect the true spirit and highest ideals of 4-H. At the same time, we warmly welcome Miss Freed who now handles the Teens in the News page and will extend her research to include 4-H teens as well. Miss Freed is discovering 4-H as a new and exciting youth area, and will be in touch with many of you in the months ahead to gather her much-needed material.

NEW MOVIE "BANKING ON FARMERS" --

Recently, some of our staff members had an opportunity to review an excellent film, "Banking on Farmers" in a special USDA preview. It tells the story of bank services to the Nation's farmers and is especially planned to point out to farm people--both adults and youth groups--the close relationship between agriculture and banking. The excellent tribute to 4-H in the final scenes is recognizable as California but of interest everywhere. The message of the film is especially appropriate with the current emphasis on farm business and on career exploration.

This is one of a series of public relations films which the American Bankers Association is furnishing member banks for their sponsorship. The A.B.A. distributes the film only to local banks and bank associates who may purchase either color or black and white prints for loaning or donations to groups. Your banker or State association may wish to secure a print if you indicate your interest.

"STATE INTENTIONS TO PRINT"

The second in the compilations of "Intentions to Print" will soon be in the mail to your editor. This is a service recommended by ECOP, which had good response to the first of the series. We urge you to check the 4-H and YMW bulletin listings. You may find that you can do a joint publication with some other State having the same need.

We hope you will keep us informed about how this plan is working out regarding youth literature.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON WORLD BOOK LISTING

Since 1954, when T. T. Martin supervised the listing of 4-H references in World Book Encyclopedia, there have been over 375,000 copies of the booklet, "At Work with 4-H" distributed. No doubt you are familiar with this booklet which lists references of probable interest to 4-H members.

It is now proposed that we ask you if you have suggestions for bringing the booklet up to date with 4-H Club work in 1958. We would appreciate having someone on your staff look through the leaflet and make appropriate suggestions for classifications that need to be added. If you care to comment about the response to, or the use of the booklet in your area, those ideas would also be welcome.

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Please!

DATES FOR REGIONAL YMW CONFERENCES

March 28-30 - the Tri-State YMW Conference at Pocono Manor, Pa. Theme of the three-day meeting, "Brothers All Are We," will be developed by keynote speakers, workshops, and discussion sessions. A special IFYE program will be a highlight. Interesting recreational activities are scheduled.

May 16-18 - the dates for the 10th Western Regional Conference of Young Adults to be held at the University of Minnesota in Waseca. Theme will be "Today's Adventurous Living." States usually participating in the conference are those bounded by the Mississippi River on the east, Rockies on the west, Kansas-Oklahoma line on the south, and Canadian border.

SEVEN-STATE 4-H RESOURCE MEET IS SET FOR 1958

Preliminary plans have been made for the 3rd annual 4-H Club Regional Resource Conference. The conference will be held at Fontana, N.C., June 4-7, 1958. These and other details were worked out by a planning committee representing the seven Tennessee Valley States--Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia. Senior 4-H Club members from the 62 Valley counties in Tennessee are eligible for consideration.

COMING EVENTS

February 7-13 - National Boy Scout Week
February 22-March 1 - National FFA Week
March 1-8 - National 4-H Club Week
March 9-15 - Girl Scout Week
March 16-22 - National Library Week
April 27 - May 3 - National Mental Health Week

4-H LEADER-TRAINING PROGRAM

Twenty-four States have indicated they will develop an increased emphasis in leader training. The leader-training program concept consists of 10 units or areas of emphasis. A basic concept is that of training agents to develop a leader-training program.

At least two States plan to develop each of the units. Five States are working in Unit 5--"Program Development." Unit 9, "County Events" is the one exception, in which no State is working. States have placed responsibility, appointed committees, and set target dates to train agents to train leaders.

Resource books and development outline suggestions are available for circulation from the Federal Extension Service. The planning and effort in leader training looks promising.

AN ADVANCED COURSE IN 4-H CLUB WORK

A new course in 4-H Club work will be given in the Extension Summer School at Cornell this summer. It is titled, "Special Problems in 4-H Club Programs," and will be taught by Mylo Downey of the Federal 4-H staff. It is concerned with new trends and opportunities in 4-H Club work and the effective use of committees and leaders. This is an advanced course for extension workers who completed the basic 4-H course, for those who have completed 10 years of Extension work, and for State 4-H Club staff members. We are happy to see this additional opportunity being offered for further training in the conduct of 4-H Club work.

Please refer to the January, 1958, Extension Service Review for a listing of courses at all Extension Summer Schools.

EXTENSION WORKSHOP IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT-HUMAN RELATIONS

Several State leaders are making plans to be at the workshop at Cornell, July 7 to August 16. Many other State leaders, who have already participated, are enthusiastic recruiters for this excellent opportunity.

Glenn Dildine tells us he is fortunate enough to have lined up Dr. Wally Beatty to be on the staff, along with "Tommy" Thompson. We are enthusiastic about that combination of Dildine-Beatty-Thompson as the consultants for 1958.

Announcement of scholarships available for this professional improvement opportunity has been made by Mary Louise Collings of the Division of Extension Research and Training.

HUMAN RELATIONS TRAINING LABORATORIES

Members of State 4-H staffs have commented to us about the value of the training experiences at various Human Relations Training Laboratories. Participants are executives, consultants, teachers, religious leaders and workers in education, government and other professional fields. Part of the stimulating experience is the exchange of ideas with these leaders from varied backgrounds, all interested in group development. A partial list of these laboratories includes:

- National Training Laboratory in Group Development, Bethel, Maine,
June 15 to July 4. Second session: July 13 to August 1.
- Human Relations Training Laboratory, Taos, New Mex., Aug. 10-23.
Contact Dr. Robert R. Blake, University of Texas, Austin 12, Tex.
- Pacific Northwest Laboratory in Group Development, Aug. 8-17.
(Admin. & Public Service Center, Seattle Public Schools,
815 4th Avenue, No. Seattle 9, Washington.

1958 dates are not available for the Intermountain Laboratory for Group Development, Salt Lake City; Rocky Mountain Workshop for Group Development, Denver; Puget Sound Group Development Laboratory; Workshop in Community Relations, Univ. of Chicago; and the laboratories at the Univ. of California, Los Angeles; Boston University; and Teachers College, Columbia. All of these are excellent opportunities.

SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS BEING USED IN THE STATES

PLANNING AND TRAINING --- STAFF AND LEADERS

Arizona - In-Service Training for Agents

In the January training session for all extension personnel who work with 4-H, the staff will learn to look at their work from the evaluation viewpoint. Laurel Sabrosky will be on hand to assist Graham Wright and Sarah Harmon with the school.

Massachusetts - Training on Programs for High School 4-H'ers

Miss Dorothy Emerson of Maryland was guest counsellor for a December conference for agents. Under her skilled guidance, the participants did some brainstorming to start a chain reaction of new ideas. Then, from small discussion groups came a number of suggestions for building active programs for 4-H Club members of high school age.

Montana - 4-H Leadership School

Leaders who attended the January 20-24 training events have a choice of participating in training sessions in home improvement, electric, field crops, recreation and music leadership; and leading-a-club-in-Montana.

Oregon - Annual State Leadership Conference

Four leadership areas were explored as part of the late January conference, including: Understanding club members, the club member and the leader, the club members work together, and the club leader and the parents. Appropriate leaflets (mentioned in the literature listing) are available on each topic. While adult leaders participated on the final day in program planning sessions with subject-matter specialists, older members were evaluating the older youth 4-H club programs. Special banquet speaker was Joe Rogers, Jr., honored in December as a national 4-H alumni winner.

Texas - 4-H Money Management Training

Farm and Home Management Specialists have been conducting money management schools in several counties. The training is given on a county level to adult and junior leaders who lead the series of three meetings in their local club. Agents' reports indicate that a great deal of interest on the part of youth in learning the principles of how to manage their money. This well-planned training program for lay people has given leaders some excellent materials for club meetings. It is just one more example of how effective leaders can be when they know what to do and how to do it.

New York - Project Committees

Many 4-H programs are organized and carried out by project committees in New York State. These committees are jointly selected by the County Club Agents Association and the 4-H Club staff. The subject-matter specialists work closely with the committees as they determine things to be done in any project area for the year. This total staff involvement yields a rich reward of program achievement in the Empire State.

Vermont - Off to a Good Start

Vermont started the New Year by taking a forward look at the 4-H home economics projects on January 2. On the third day, the Leadership Committee made plans for a series of district meetings to be held in the spring and fall for volunteer 4-H Club leaders. Sharing in the planning were volunteer leaders; subject-matter specialists; county, State, and 4-H Federal staff members.

New Jersey - Explains 4-H Horse Project Work

Charlie Bell of FES is to participate in a January 30 event held in connection with Farmers Week and sponsored by the New Jersey Pony Breeders and Owners Association. He has been asked to tell something of the potential of 4-H horse projects, and also what part the horse and pony can play in family recreation and health in a fast-growing urban State.

Montana - Ceremony for Leaders "Welding the 4-H Chain"

Various counties are using the ideas incorporated in an impressive ceremony presented by Teton County leaders at the North Central 4-H Leaders Conference. "Welding the 4-H Chain" shows the strength of the combined efforts of parents, leaders, members, friends of 4-H, Council and Extension staff. Because of interest expressed, Montana 4-H staff members have run off a one-page multilith, which they may still have in limited supply.

OLDER 4-H YOUTH AND YMW

Colorado - Serving Rural Youth Beyond 4-H

In addition to serving Young Farmer-Homemaker Clubs, Colorado is initiating a plan to help young people not in organized Extension groups. The plan includes a card file system in each county extension office so the agents will have the "audience" in mind. Agents will make a special effort to let these young men and women know of extension's interest in them through news columns, circular letters, radio and television programs directed to aid in answering some of their questions. Specialists at the university will provide material of interest to be compiled in news letter form. Les Osborn will regularly send this material to the counties for their use in ways listed above.

Illinois - Staff Takes Assignments for YMW Program Materials

Members of the 4-H staff are each helping to develop materials available for older youth groups. The topics and the staff member who will take the lead are: Starting to farm--Mynard; Choosing a mate--Sievers; Fitting into the community--McKee; Recreational leadership--Cottingham; Community service--Stone; Choosing a vocation--Gaebe; Leadership--Searl; Social customs--Wolfram; Choice and care of clothing--Kimmelshue; Hobbies--Lyon.

The bulletin on leadership and one on agricultural credit are already available.

Nebraska - Mid-Winter Institute

The 1958 Mid-Winter Institute of the Nebraska Rural Youth will be held in Columbus, February 7 and 8, at the Hotel Evans. The theme for the meet is "Around the World with RY." Following a smorgasbord and party the first evening, Joyce Carlson, IFYE to India, will present a talk about her experiences abroad. The second evening will feature a banquet with Mrs. Elizabeth Keyes as speaker. Tours will be made of three industries in Columbus. Three "learnshops" will be conducted during the two days on: Recreation, party planning and program planning, insurance, and clothing and grooming tips.

New York - Nassau County 4-H News

The November issue of this monthly publication was designed to give special emphasis to activities of 4-H teenagers. It was very appropriate to name the special issue "4-H Teen News" and thereby recognize its special interest to teenagers.

Oklahoma - 4-H Cooperative Programs

Competition was keen in cooperative contests at the State 4-H Round-Up in Oklahoma in 1957. Ninety-one county champions participated in district and Statewide finals in the boys and girls Cooperative Timely Talk Contest. Thirty-four boys and girls appeared in the final contest for district and State awards in the Illustrative Talk Contest.

Tennessee - 4-H Honor Club

Recently, real strides have been made in increased participation in the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club members, an older member group. Tennessee has published an interesting brochure on its Honor Club and several pieces of mimeographed outlines for agents' use.

Utah - Young Couples' Short Course

February 17-21 are dates for this important event held at Utah State University. Originally started as a short course for young farmers, its offerings were expanded to include help for wives who wanted to come. The State Bankers Association cooperates with the Extension Service in sponsorship.

Wisconsin - Monthly YMW Radio Program

Once a month, as part of the noon farm hour, State radio station WHA features field interviews with YMW groups. On-the-spot interviews are often made at special activities. Included in the YMW participants would be older 4-H members, rural youth, young adults, and participants in adult extension programs.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

California - Humboldt-Tulare Exchange

Tulare County 4-H members spent two weeks in Humboldt County in a two-county exchange program. Next summer, Tulare will be the hosts to 4-H'ers from the Redwood Empire. Goals of the exchange are similar to IFYE, and recognize that agricultural life may be quite varied in a State as large and as diversified as California.

Hawaii - IFYE Delegates for First Time

For the first time, Hawaii has nominated outbound delegates for the IFYE program. The opportunity to participate has been made possible through funds donated by the Hawaii Home Demonstration Council and the 4-H Club Federation. Previously, the Territory has had Exchangees stop as they were enroute to the Mainland.

Wyoming - Pen Pals

The Wyoming 4-H Leaders' Council Executive Committee has endorsed a plan to work out the details of arranging foreign pen pals. Each IFYE delegate from Wyoming will carry with him a packet of cards containing the name of some 4-H member who wants to correspond with a foreign person of the same age and likes, (registration to be carried on within the delegate's own county). The IFYE delegate will personally select someone who would fit into this correspondence picture.

INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

Georgia - Dedication of Negro 4-H Club Center

Real progress is being made in the development of the State Negro 4-H Club Center at Dublin, Ga. Recently, a dedication program was held. Several damp cottages, a large dining hall, and an auditorium have been completed. P. H. Stone, FES, participated in the dedication program.

Indiana - Lennon Sisters Honored

"Honorary Indiana 4-H Club Members" is the title Indiana has bestowed on each of the four Lennon sisters, who are popular radio performers. Back in September, when they were at the Indiana State Fair, Director Hoffman officially made the girls honorary 4-H members. This was a feature of the Farmers' Day Parade. The plaque for each of the girls was presented on a recent program of the Lawrence Welk TV show.

Kansas - A Learning Experience and a Moneymaker

A club in Rush County, Kans., thought up a unique way to get experience in their woodworking projects and also to help balance their budget. They built a rather large playhouse, then exhibited and sold it at the county fair. Of course, there was an interested leader in the picture-- Nelson Yost.

Louisiana - Poultry Chain Planned

A unique 4-H poultry chain project will begin in Cameron Parish this spring under the co-sponsorship of the Louisiana Amvets and LSU. The immediate goal of the project is to replace flocks wiped out by Hurricane Audrey, and the long-range aim is to increase the number and quality of poultry flocks throughout the State. Project members will be given 100 baby chicks and feed. Each will give back seven six-month-old pullets.

Maryland, New Hampshire - "Keep America Beautiful"

In these two States, 4-H Club members are active in the Keep America Beautiful effort. Control of litter is receiving major emphasis. Although the activities have, so far, been operating primarily in the cities, there is a tremendous opportunity for 4-H Clubs to fit into this effort as community service.

Mississippi - Progress with State 4-H Foundation

To date, nearly 40 percent of the goal of \$100,000 has been raised. This is a remarkable record for only eight month's time.

New Jersey - Food Preparation on Parade

Similar to a dress revue in appeal and glamour is the Favorite Food Show held in New Jersey each year for boys and girls enrolled in foods and nutrition projects. Seventy-eight participated in the State event held in Trenton in December. Each 4-H member chose to prepare a favorite food from the unit in which he had been working during the year. The preparation of the food was just one of many things to be considered by the judges. Each was scored on appearance, work habits, the quality of the favorite food, the menu built around the food dish, the manner in which served, and the originality shown. Foods prepared ranged from a simple dessert to a Christmas goose.

Clara Ann Smith, Associate 4-H Club Leader, State College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, N.J., may be contacted for more information concerning setting up and conducting this event.

Ohio - Project Activity Talks

A new section at Regional 4-H Club Days features project and activity talks, each to be three to five minutes in length. The new activity is designed to help improve project talks in the local clubs, and the contest is merely an incentive to get participation started.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE:

"Our Staff Responsibilities"

An up-to-date listing of our FES 4-H staff responsibilities for 1958 is enclosed for each State and assistant State leader. Efficient operation prompts us to work out our areas of main assignment where each person will be in lead-off roles. However, we do not want to have these assignments exclusive to the point of hampering the team approach. We still say "the fences are low."

"New Records Set in Work of Cooperative Extension Service"

An all-time high in 4-H enrollment is cited in Extension's summary of accomplishments just released. A copy of the press release, dated January 3, is enclosed.

National 4-H Club Congress (Editor's letter, December 11)

A brilliant word picture of the National 4-H Club Congress was part of the December 11 letter from Les Schlup to State extension editors. If you haven't read it, you will want to and want to keep it in your files for the time when the Congress is held next year! We've never read a more dynamic description.

"List of 4-H Club Films"

The enclosed film list includes some long-time favorites plus a few new ones. We are always glad to have you alert us to movies you have used and found to be good, or 4-H movies made in your State that would be available for general distribution.

"List of Recreation Training Events"

Your prompt response has made it possible to assemble and distribute the enclosed list of recreation leadership training events for 1958. This listing is done at the request of the 4-H Program Development Committee on Recreation. Dr. Niederfrank has cooperated with us.

"What Is Unique About the Problems of Indian American Youth"

This challenging statement by Dr. Ben Reifel was used as a thinking and discussion stimulator at the recent conference on Indian youth, sponsored by Arrow, Inc. With Dr. Reifel's permission, we have duplicated copies of this talk for your use.

"The 4-H Club Health Program"

This summary is being used in connection with the National Health Conference for Cooperation in Health Education.

YOU'LL ALSO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THESE BULLETINS

"Credit in Use and Conservation of Agricultural Resources"

James L. "Jim" Robinson is the author of a new USDA bulletin that should be particularly helpful in work with YMW programs. Your publications distribution officer has been alerted to bulletin No. 172. Please check with him if you have not seen this bulletin.

"Teaching Soil and Water Conservation"

This is a guide on conservation activities which has been given a special pitch for classroom teaching. However, you will find it rich in helpful ideas and activities, especially adaptable to 4-H demonstrations and project work. The circular is P341 and may be requested through the Information, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"The Wonder of Water"

Have you seen the colorful comic strip-type booklet which presented an interesting style story on water, its importance and basic principles of conservation? This has been published by the Soil Conservation Society of America. Wendell Tascher, Extension Soil Conservationist, is circulating this to your conservation specialist.

"Meeting the Basic Needs of First-Year 4-H Club Members"

"Boosting 4-H Reenrollment"

Two more in the "Sabrosky-series" that have been recently revised. Your State distribution officer has been notified. Many of you are telling us that the new look in these revised bulletins is stimulating their re-use and new use.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS:

A little info-bird advises us that the National Catholic Rural Life Conference has appointed Paul C. Taff, retired Assistant Director of Iowa, as director of its youth activities and historian for all of the association's work and functions. Paul, as you know, is still very active in 4-H Club circles, and performed yeoman service as State Leader of 4-H Club programs in Iowa through the period of rapid development of extension educational work in that State.

May Masten, Associate in 4-H Club Work in Indiana, retired on November 30. May has been a strong supporter of leader training programs and, with her coworkers in Indiana, has developed many successful techniques. Through the years, she has given able support on many national assignments as well as those in her own State.

Winnifred Gillen of Oregon became Mrs. Delbert R. Fulmer in a December wedding. Her new address is Rt. 3, Box 373, Corvallis. Our current information is that Winnifred continues as a member of the Oregon 4-H staff.

Earle H. Nodine of Massachusetts, retired December 1, after a wonderful 35-year record of service to 4-H. The 4-H Club agents held a huge surprise party for Earle and for Harley Leland.

Boyd Wheeler, who is on leave from Kentucky, writes that he and his family are enjoying the experience in Indonesia. Boyd is teaching Extension Education and his wife is teaching Home Economics in the College of Agriculture at Bogor.

Velma McGaugh, formerly of the Kansas State 4-H staff, has returned from an assignment in Pakistan. She has accepted a county home demonstration agent position in that State.

Paul E. Pavey is newly appointed to the position of supervisor of youth and educational activities, public relations department of Standard Oil Company. We shall look forward to meeting and working with Mr. Pavey.

A. L. Jones, Northeastern representative of Sears-Roebuck Foundation, and a long-time friend-of-4-H, retired in January. Many of you know Al personally. Those who do not will remember that he was cited at the National 4-H Conference. He is being replaced by Neil Rankin, who transfers from the Minneapolis office. Midwestern State 4-H leaders vouch for Neil's cooperation. John Terrill will be working with him in servicing the program in the Northeast.

A CLOSING NOTE

Our co-worker, L. R. Harrill of North Carolina, has been named one of the four "Men of the Year for 1957" in service to Southern agriculture. This is an award made annually by Progressive Farmer Magazine. It is fitting to close this January letter with a typical quote from "L.R." in tribute to his sound philosophy and his outstanding service:

"If a boy has produced a grand champion steer and has not become a grand champion himself, the project has not been successful. It is not what the boy or girl does on his record that is important, but what the making of that record does for the boy or girl."

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